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 MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Lloyd

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SUBJECT : Reports of Separation (August 1955)

1. I have tabbed about a dozen exit cases which provide a good cross-section of the norm. Several are obviously in the problem category.

2. Of note this month (August) is the separation total for the DD/S (58) which is high, and the spread of 38 voluntary and 20 involuntary departures. The 20 involuntary cases, almost 35% of the total, is high.

3. Specifically, during the first seven months of 1955 we have averaged [redacted] true separations (August - 58). The voluntary average for this period is [redacted] involuntary average is [redacted] (August voluntaries, 38, involuntaries, 20). Normally our involuntary resignations amount to about 15% of the total (August - 35%).

4. The involuntaries usually are divided between administrative and Agency sponsored military service type resignations with the former in the lead. For the January - July 1955 period we averaged 3.5 administrative and 1.1 service type involuntary resignations per month (August - 11 and 7 respectively).

5. Granting identification of the problem, namely a sudden rise above the DD/S separation norm, I am at a loss to explain it in detail. Obviously, August is but one month though June and July separation statistics showed the same trend to a lesser degree. I do know that the summer months normally are high separation months and I believe we can expect separations to slack off during the last three months of 1956. Past monthly statistical reports support this forecast.

6. The foregoing is a piece of the picture cited by the IG. I hope that you and Colonel White will go along with my suggestion that Personnel analyze our separation experience of the past vis a vis the IG memo. This would provide answers which a fast review of DD/S statistics fails to produce and would enable us to weigh our position in relation to the Agency, the DD/I and DD/P.

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